

Director of Training ✓

Deputy Comptroller

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Speech [REDACTED] before  
"Accountants' Forum," Brookings Institute

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1. I appreciate very much your having arranged for [REDACTED] to give a talk on 21 April 1955 on Communism to the "Accountants' Forum" at Brookings Institute. As I explained to you before, this group consists of high-level accountants and comptrollers throughout the government service and each meeting held once a month is limited to approximately twenty members in attendance. At this particular meeting there were twenty-four members present besides the speaker, [REDACTED]

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2. Obviously the subject was a digression from our usual accounting and fiscal presentations and was received with extreme enthusiasm. I was quite confident beforehand that this group would welcome the opportunity to hear the discourse on Communism but I must admit I was somewhat surprised and somewhat overwhelmed with the extreme interest and enthusiasm reflected by the entire group. [REDACTED]'s presentation of the subject was excellent and I am sure you would like to know that we received comments from practically each person in attendance to the effect that he was one of the best speakers they had heard in a long time. One person present, who is a very excellent speaker himself and whose opinion I value very much, stated that it was the best presentation he had heard for several years.

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3. I sincerely believe that more of this sort of thing should be done and would do a lot of good in educating people with respect to Communism and its various facets. I realize that we must be careful how this is done and that we must be sure that the Agency receives no adverse criticism as a result of any such talks.

4. Thank you very much again and I would like to reserve the privilege of asking you to provide a speaker again when an appropriate occasion arises.

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